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Dear Ms. Hesse:

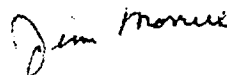
I would like to thank the court for inviting the views and opinions of individual United States citizens regarding the Microsoft anti-trust lawsuit and proposed settlement. It seems only right that those of us on the front lines, paying taxes and supporting the economy, should have a voice in this matter.

Free trade is a cornerstone of American capitalism and I believe that the court has been attempting to protect our free trade through its pursuit of Microsoft. However, in spite of all good intentions, the court's efforts appear to have damaged free trade and enterprise instead of protecting it. As a result of the court's actions, Microsoft, one of our nation's most productive business giants, has been forced to pour untold resources into defending itself against an ever-changing, never-ending lawsuit that has yet to establish that the company has harmed the marketplace in any way. In fact, as a result of Microsoft's commitment to improving technology, average American consumers now have access to affordable computer products that were out of reach to them only a decade ago. In the interest of free trade, the court should allow such a company to continue to generate products and business without undue interference.

Additionally, as the court makes its decision regarding the Microsoft settlement, I ask that it consider the amount of taxpayer money it will save by ending this expensive litigation. Too many hard-earned dollars have already been thrown at this dubious case. Acceptance of the proposed settlement will stop the bleeding and save American citizens further needless cost.

I ask the court to make the decision that will truly protect free trade and best benefit the American public. Accept the settlement and end the Microsoft anti-trust case quickly.

Respectfully,



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